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MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral Showers ✓



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SUBJECT: CIRIS Study Group

1. The addressees of this memorandum will constitute a study group, under the chairmanship of Admiral Showers, to review CIRIS and its constituent data systems. The responsibilities of the DCI staff since the issuance of the President's memorandum on 5 November last have considerably broadened the responsibilities of this staff. It is thus essential that we review and update past procedures, where that seems necessary, and CIRIS and its essential ties to the community require such a study as a first order of business.

2. The Terms of Reference of this study group are attached and I would hope that the review can be completed by no later than 1 July 1972.



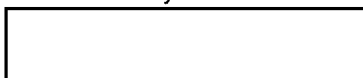
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SUBJECT: Terms of Reference for CIRIS Study Group

PROBLEM: To conduct a review of CIRIS in order to recommend modifications required to make the data system responsive to the needs of the DCI and his supporting staff.

TASKS:

1. Review the current structure and data capabilities of CIRIS.
2. Identify the evolving needs of the DCI in his new IC role.
3. Identify the particular needs of the individual elements of the IC staff.
4. Understand the program and data structures, as they relate to CIRIS, currently existing in component programs.
5. Identify, as appropriate, major difficulties encountered by component program managers in providing CIRIS inputs in a meaningful and manageable form.
6. Recommend restructuring of CIRIS as necessary to respond to Tasks 2 and 3 above.
7. Insofar as problems identified under Task 5 may suggest CIRIS restructuring, evaluate the nature and usefulness of the data required against the difficulties encountered in providing same.
8. Perform such other CIRIS-related tasks as may develop or be put before the Review Group.

SCHEDULE: The CIRIS data call for 1972 has progressed too far to be affected by the results of this review. Therefore, recommendations of the review will be aimed at necessary revisions for 1973. To accomplish this in an orderly manner, an initial target date for completion of the review is 1 July 1972.